

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

Police Administration Building, Corner Edward and Sackville Streets, Port of Spain **Telephone**: 1 (868) 625-8395 **Facsimile**: 1 (868) 625-7133 **Email**: <u>corporatecommunications@ttps.gov.tt</u>

February 12th, 2023 MEDIA RELEASE

6 Arrested – Firearm, Stolen Boat, Stolen Vehicle, and 23 Marijuana Trees recovered in Exercises Across Four Divisions

Several exercises conducted between Friday 10th and Saturday 11th February, 2023 in the North Eastern, Northern, Western, and Port of Spain Divisions resulted in the arrest of six persons. A firearm, a stolen boat, a stolen vehicle, and 23 marijuana trees were also recovered.

Officers of the North Eastern Division conducted several Operation Grandslam exercises throughout the district. One included the execution of a search warrant at a home on Wallace Road Extension, Chinapoo, Morvant on Friday 10th February, 2023. It resulted in the alleged discovery of a Smith and Wesson nine-millimetre pistol with one magazine and 14 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition, and the arrest of a male resident at the home.

During the same exercise officers also allegedly found a black bag containing 504 grammes of marijuana during the execution of a search warrant at another home in the area. A male occupant of the home was also arrested in connection with this find.

Information obtained during an anti-crime exercise in Santa Cruz, yesterday led officers to a track along Joropo Hill, Santa Cruz. There they allegedly discovered 23 fully grown marijuana trees which were uprooted and taken to the Santa Cruz Police Station.

Officers of the Maracas Bay Police Station went to the Maracas Bay Fishing Village yesterday and allegedly observed a white and peach boat floating at sea. It was identified as a boat stolen in Tobago on Thursday 9th February, 2023. The boat was retrieved and taken to the Maracas Bay Police Station.

Exercises in the Northern Division conducted between 11 am and 10 pm yesterday resulted in the arrest of three persons for drugrelated offences. Officers of the Western Division Task Force also arrested a 25-year-old Morvant resident for enquiries in relation to a report of larceny motor vehicle in the St James Police District while officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force allegedly recovered a silver Nissan Tiida vehicle in Laventille yesterday that had been reported stolen in the Gasparillo District earlier that day.

Enquiries into these incidents are ongoing.

SEE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS

Corporate Communications Unit

February 12th, 2023

END